IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hirotaka TAMURA et al.

Serial No.: 10/716,533

Filing Date: November 20, 2003

For: BUFFER CIRCUIT DEVICE SUPPLYING A COMMON MODE VOLTAGE APPLICABLE TO A NEXT-STAGE CIRCUIT RECEIVING OUTPUT SIGNALS OF THE BUFFER CIRCUIT

DEVICE

Customer No. 004372

Confirmation No.: 6886

Art Unit: 2818

Examiner: Tuan T. LAM

Docket No.: 100021-00135

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 Introductory Comments

Director of the U.S. PTO P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

April 20, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2004, the period for response being extended from January 22, 2004 until April 22, 2004 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-titled application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.

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